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Subject: Wyoming's Lost Children

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Mr. McVeigh,

As a courtesy, attached please find a referral I made to the WY Department of Family Services along with a copy to Senator Scott.

The referral is regarding an Audit I opened while serving as Director of Wyoming Medicaid Program Integrity.

It has recently been brought to my attention that the audit was terminated by the Wyoming Medicaid Director shortly after my termination from state employment.

I'm concerned the audit was not brought to its logical conclusion and that Wyoming children may still be lost in the system while the taxpayers are footing the bill.

Can you imagine being one of the children that was institutionalized for nearly five years unnecessarily?

In addition to the risk to the children identified and those not identified. The state may be at risk of having to repay the federal match for providing medically unnecessary services. This may have been one of the potential findings of this audit if it were completed after having been opened.

Professional and independent audit of this and other related matters tends to reduce risks early. My fear here is that by subverting the audit, Ms. Green worsened a possible risk that already has terrible optics.

Again, I welcome a productive dialogue about this audit and legislative and executive solutions for preventing these risks moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Gaskill

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